REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an Official Action requiring restriction between 2 groups of inventions. The groups identified by the Examiner are:

Group I: Claims 1-4 drawn to a composition for treating hepatocellular carcinoma containing thalidomide alone;

Group II: Claim 5-8 drawn to an enhanced pharmaceutical composition containing thalidomide alone and one other drug.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement.

However, to expedite prosecution, applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-4. Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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